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SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL OF RHODESIAN FORCES FROM MOZAMBIQUE

1. WE HAVE JUST BEEN ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT  
ISSUED JUNE 2 BY RHODESIAN LT. GEN. WALLS ON THE WITHDRAWAL  
OF RHODESIAN FORCES FROM MOZAMBIQUE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: "THE COMMANDER, COMBINED OPERATIONS,  
LIEUT.-GEN. WALLS, SAID THIS MORNING THAT RHODESIAN  
TROOPS HAD WITHDRAWN FROM THE TOWN OF MAPAI YESTERDAY  
AFTERNOON AND WERE NOW RETURNING TO RHODESIA. THEY HAD COMPLETED  
THEIR TASK OF DESTROYING TERRORIST ARMS AND AMMUNITION DUMPS  
THERE AND HE WAS SATISFIED THAT THE OBJECTIVE HAD BEEN ACHIEVED.

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THIS WAS TO DESTROY THE TERRORIST BASES FROM WHICH THEY WERE  
CROSSING INTO RHODESIA AND MURDERING INNOCENT RHODESIAN CIVILIANS.  
HE STRESSED THAT THE OPERATION WAS ESSENTIALLY ONE OF  
SELF-DEFENCE AND HE WAS SATISFIED THAT IT WOULD LEAD  
DIRECTLY TO SAVING THE LIVES OF MANY BLACK VILLAGERS  
LIVING IN THE TRIBAL TRUST LANDS IN THE SOUTH-EASTERN  
PART OF RHODESIA.

"GENERAL WALLS DENIED REPORTS FROM MAPUTO THAT FPLM FORCES HAD ENGAGED THE RHODESIANS. HE SAID THAT THE ONLY CONTACTS HAD BEEN WITH RHODESIAN TERRORISTS AND CARE HAD BEEN TAKEN TO AVOID AREAS WHERE THERE WAS KNOWN TO BE AN FPLM PRESENCE.

"THE GENERAL REFERRED TO REPORTS OF THE PRESS BRIEFING WHICH HE GAVE ON 1ST JUNE AND SAID HIS REPLY TO ONE OF THE QUESTIONS HAD BEEN MISCONSTRUED AND A WRONG IMPRESSION HAD BEEN CONVEYED. WHAT HE HAD SAID WAS THAT THE FORCE WOULD REMAIN IN MOCAMBIQUE UNTIL, AND ONLY UNTIL, IT HAD COMPLETED ITS TASK. THERE WAS NEVER ANY INTENTION OF HOLDING MAPAI OR ANY OTHER PART OF MOCAMBIQUE. AS COMMANDER, COMBINED OPERATIONS, HIS TASK WAS TO PROTECT RHODESIANS AGAINST TERRORIST ATTACKS AND THE CURRENT DEFENSIVE ACTION WAS TAKEN IN TERMS OF THAT TASK. HE POINTED OUT THAT WELL OVER 90 PERCENT OF THE CIVILIAN VICTIMS OF TERRORIST ATTACKS WERE BLACK RHODESIANS, OF WHOM MORE THAN 1,100 HAD BEEN BRUTALLY MURDERED BY TERRORISTS."BOWDLER

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